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Tall trees. Lush fields of grass. Cool clear crystal streams of water. These are but a few of the elements that comprise the **Floating Island**, giving the impression of an unending paradise. As with everything in nature, however, there is a balance.

For every known quantity, there is the unknown. For every field of vegetation, there exists a patch of arid desert sand. For every explored territory, there lie uncharted regions. And for every friend, there exist the predators.

For ages, visitors have been few and far between. With the war now being waged below upon the surface of **Mobius**, between the forces of that evil despot **Dr. Ivo Robotnik** and the valiant **Sonic The Hedgehog** and his courageous band of **Freedom Fighters**, it was inevitable that the **Floating Island** would be drawn into the conflict.

...But as a haven to escape the harshness and cruelty of the war... or a beachhead used by one side to overcome the other?

THE FABLED *FLOATING ISLAND OF MOBIUS.*

A NICE PLACE TO VISIT.

OR AT LEAST IT *WOULD* BE...

...IF *TOURISM* WASN'T *FROWNED UPON* BY THE *NATIVES.*

GIVEN THEIR HOME'S STRATEGIC SIGNIFICANCE IN THE WAR BETWEEN *ROBOTNIK* AND THE *REBEL ALLIANCE*, THEY HAVE EVERY REASON TO BE *WARY* OF *STRANGERS.*

BESIDES...

KEEP OFF THE GRASS

NO DOGS ALLOWED

BATTERIES NOT INCLUDED

...THEY LIKE THEIR *PRIVACY.*

STILL, THAT'S NEVER DISCOURAGED CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS FROM STRIVING TO *EXPLOIT* THE LUSH TROPICAL PARADISE.

THERE IT IS!

WELC

AT LAST!

THOUGH TODAY, THE OUTLANDERS COME NOT TO *FIGHT...*

WELCOME

...BUT TO *PAR-TAY!*

WOULD YOU *LOOK* AT THIS PLACE!

IT'S *FAN-TASTIC!*

GUESS OUR *INVITES* WERE ON THE LEVEL, TAILS!

EVERY *FREEDOM FIGHTER* WE'VE FOUGHT WITH IS *HERE...*

...EVEN *KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA!*

THE CHAOS EFFECT

PART 1

HALL of MIRRORS

SKIL

4 BALLS TEST YOUR SKILL!

TREATS

DON'T LUMP ME IN WITH YOUR *PALS*, SONIC -- *I'M* NO *FREEDOM FIGHTER*! THIS WASN'T *MY* IDEA!

BIG *SURPRISE*, KNOT-HEAD!

YOU HATE *COMPANY* EVEN MORE THAN *I* HATE *STOP SIGNS*!

BUT IF *YOU* DIDN'T INVITE US...

...THEN *WHO*--?

ALLOW ME TO *INTRODUCE* MYSELF-- *RENFIELD T. RODENT'S* THE NAME...

BUMP!

...AND *FAMILY FUN'S* THE GAME!

THIS PARK WAS *DESIGNED* WITH YOUR *AMUSEMENT* IN MIND!

SO BE MY GUEST!

BE MY *GUEST*!

BE MY GUEST!

...AND I WON'T TAKE "NO" FOR AN ANSWER!

BUT PERHAPS YOU'D CARE TO *FRESHEN UP* A BIT FIRST!

MIGHT I SUGGEST OUR *HALL OF MIRRORS*?

HALL of MIRRO

IT'S A *FUN* HOUSE...

...AND THE *FIRST* RIDE'S ALWAYS *FREE*!

WELL-- SINCE YOU PUT IT *THAT* WAY...

...WHAT HAVE WE GOT TO *LOSE*?

HEH--HEH--HEH! IT'S *TRUE* WHAT THEY SAY...

"...THERE'S A *SUCKER* BORN EVERY *MINUTE!*"

OH, MY!

THIS *CAN'T* BE RIGHT!

LOOKS GOOD TO ME!

AWESOME!

ZUT ALORS-- MY INNAIRE SELF *UNVEILED!*

THERE'S SOMETHING *WRONG* HERE...

...BUT I CAN'T QUITE PUT MY *FINGER* ON--

HEY!

TURN OFF THAT LIGHT!

FZUUUM...

PHOOOMPH!

THAT'S *BETTER!*

DON'T CARE *WHAT* RENFIELD SAYS, THIS PLACE ISN'T...

...MUCH...

...FUN?

THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS--*TRAPPED* INSIDE THOSE *MIRRORS!*

BUT *HOW?*

WHO--?

WHO?

YOU *DISAPPOINT* ME, ECHIDNA.

SURELY, YOU HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN YOUR OLD FRIEND..."

DOCTOR IVO ROBOTNIK!!

SO YOU'RE *BEHIND* THIS!

BOTH *LITERALLY* AND *FIGURATIVELY*... WITH *AID* FROM *RENFIELD* THE *RODENT!*

HIS "AMUSEMENT PARK" WAS THE IDEAL BAIT WITH WHICH TO LURE THE *FREEDOM FIGHTERS* INTO A "TOURIST TRAP"!

SOME CAREFULLY DISTRIBUTED *INVITATIONS*...

"... A FEW ONE-WAY TRIPS THROUGH THE *HALLS OF MIRRORS*...

"...AND MY ENEMIES ARE BUT PALE *SHADOWS* OF THEIR FORMER SELVES!

"AT LAST, *MOBIUS* IS *MINE!*"

AREN'T YOU *FORGETTING* SOMETHING, PORK-FACE?

I'M STILL *KICKING*...

...AND I'M GONNA *START* WITH YOUR BU-- *UUNGHH!*

WHAM!

FOOLISH ANTEATER! THE *ENERGIES* I'VE RELEASED HAVE *TRANSFORMED* YOUR BODY!

A NIP *HERE*-- A TUCK *THERE*...

...AND YOUR NATURAL ABILITIES BECOME *NULL* AND *VOID!*

I COULD HAVE TRANSPORTED YOU TO ANOTHER *DIMENSION* OF *REALITY*, ALONG WITH THE *OTHERS*...

...BUT WITHOUT *WITNESSES*, *TRIUMPH* LOSES ITS *LUSTER!*

AND WE CAN'T HAVE *THAT* -- NOW *CAN* WE?

MIRRORS

HAHAHAHAHAHAHA

END OF PART I

THE CHAOS EFFECT

PART 2

ALWAYS SAID, "I WANT TO BE ALONE"...

...BUT THIS IS RIDICULOUS!

ROBOTNIK'S CAPTURED THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS...

...AND LEFT ME HOLDING THE BAG!

'COURSE, WITHOUT MY SPECIAL POWERS AND ABILITIES, I'VE GOT PLENTY OF NOTHING!

EVEN MY SHARP KNUCKLES ARE GONE!

NO KNUCKLES... SHORTER LOCKS... AND NO LUCK!

JUST 'CAUSE I'M GUARDIAN OF THE FLOATING ISLAND DOESN'T MEAN I ALWAYS KNOW WHAT TO DO, OR WHERE TO --

--GO?

ZIP!

A HONEY BEE?

NO...

...A CHARMY BEE!

YOU'VE GOT 20/20 HINDSIGHT, FRIEND!

BUT IT'S BEST TO LOOK FORWARD...

INSTEAD OF BACK!

NOT THAT I MIND YOUR COMPANY... BUT WHY WEREN'T YOU AT THE PARK, LIKE EVERYONE ELSE?

BECAUSE I'M NOT "EVERYONE"-- THAT'S WHY!

PLACES TO GO... PEOPLE TO SEE... POLLEN TO GATHER...

...KIND'A LIKE ME!

EXCEPT FOR THE "POLLEN" PART...

... STUFF MAKES MY NOSE TWITCH!

WELL, I'LL BE-- A CHAMELEON!

NO-- HE BEE...

YOU ECHIONA...

... I'M THE CHAMELEON!

AND A NAUGHTY ONE, ESPIO--EAVESDROPPING ON PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS!

OH, CUT ME SOME SLACK, CHARMY!

I WAS JUST HANGIN' OUT, SAME AS YOU WHEN I HEARD--

WHAT WAS THAT?!

I'M NOT SURE...

IT CAME FROM OVER THERE...

KER-RAAAKTT!

...AND IT'S COMING RIGHT AT US!

B-DUM! B-DUM! B-DUM!

YO!

HEY, WHAT'S HAPPENIN', DUDE!

I'M THE REP WITH THE 'RAP FOR BEIN' RUDE!

WHEN IT COMES TO A FIGHT I'M NO DEFECTOR...

DON'T NOBODY MESS WITH A CROC NAMED VECTOR!

HEY--GIMME MY 'PHONES, BONES!

SNATCH!

DON'T YA DIG MY WAY COOL TONES?!

OH, WE HEARD YOUR "CROCODILE ROCK"! COULDN'T YOU HEAR US?

NO...

...BUT I F-FEEL THAT...

...IN 3-D THX-SENSURROUND!

RRRUMMBLL...

THROOM!

HELLO.

DID I MISS ANYTHING?

ONLY THE "DETOUR" SIGN, BIG GUY!

MAN, YOU ARE ONE MIGHTY ARMADILLO-- BLASTIN' THROUGH THAT MOUNTAIN!

HOW DID--?

HEH.

TOOK TH' THROUGH-WAY!

TOUGH GOIN'... BUT IT'S SHORTER!

'SIDES, I HAD SOME HELP!

LOOK OUT...

...THE HILLS HAVE EYES!

GET BACK-- ROBOTS!

ROBOTS--?

OH, THEY'RE OKAY-- THESE ARE FRIENDS OF MINE!

MEET HEAVY ...AND BOMB!

SALUTATIONS!

DING!

"BOMB AND I WERE ROBOTNIK'S PRIDE AND JOY--MECHANICAL MECHANICS, DESIGNED TO SEEK OUT AND REPAIR DAMAGED SYSTEMS AUTOMATICALLY.

"BUT HE BUILT US TOO WELL... THE POWER GEMS WHICH ALLOWED FOR INDEPENDENT ACTION GRANTED US BOTH CONSCIOUSNESS...

"... AND CONSCIENCES!

"ONCE WE OVERHEARD ROBOTNIK'S PLAN TO IMPRISON THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS WITH HIS FUN HOUSE MIRRORS, OUR COURSE WAS CLEAR...

"... WE ESCAPED FROM ROBOTROPOLIS...

"... AND MADE OUR WAY HERE!"

THAT'S A NICE PIECE OF *PULP FICTION*, METAL-HEAD...

...BUT WHY SHOULD WE *TRUST* YOU?

FOLLOW US...

"...AND YOU'LL SEE FOR YOURSELVES!"

WHEN BOMB AND I LEFT THE DOCTOR'S ASSEMBLY LINE...

...WE DIDN'T LEAVE EMPTY-HANDED!

THESE ARE POWER GEMS-- THE VERY THINGS ROBOTNIK USED TO ENERGIZE HIS MIRRORS, BOMB, AND MYSELF...

...ALONG WITH A CACHE OF EXPERIMENTAL WEAPONS!

PING! PING!! TONG!!

THEY SHOULD PROVE INVALUABLE TO YOUR CAUSE!

GOT *THAT* RIGHT, BOMB!

WITH *THESE* LITTLE BEAUTIES...

...WE CAN SEND ROBO'S WORLD *SPINNING* INTO *TOTAL CHAOS!*

END OF PART II

THE CHAOS EFFECT
PART 3

BRILLIANCE! SHEER BRILLIANCE!

WITH ONE BOLD STROKE, THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS HAVE BEEN ERASED...

...TO BE REPLACED BY MY NEW WORLD ORDER!

NICE WORK, DOC! NOW YOU SEE 'EM...

...NOW YOU DON'T!

QUITE SO, RENFIELD!

WITH THOSE PERPETUAL THORNS REMOVED FROM MY SIDE, NOTHING COULD POSSIBLY...

...GO...

...WRONG?

ALERT

EEOOEEOOEE

INCONCEIVABLE!

THE *RIDES* HAVE BEEN *REACTIVATED-- SIMULTANEOUSLY!*

BUT *HOW--* AND BY *WHOM?*

PROBABLY THAT PESKY *ECHIDNA! I KNEW* IT WAS A MISTAKE TO--

YOU BLITHERING *IDIOT!*

DON'T YOU COMPREHEND THE *SIGNIFICANCE* OF THESE EVENTS?

EACH OF THOSE RIDES IS ACTIVATED BY A *SEPARATE SWITCH!*

WHICH MEANS...

...HE MUST HAVE GOTTEN *HELP!*

I HADN'T *ALLOWED* FOR THIS CONTINGENCY...

--BUT I'M NOT *COMPLETELY* UNPREPARED!

F-TAP!

FZUUUUM.....

MY *MATERIAL TRANSPORT SYSTEM* SHALL SUMMON A *COUNTER-FORCE* FROM ROBOTROPOLIS!

AND...

...SINCE *REFLECTION* IS THE *ORDER* OF THE *DAY*...

...WHAT *BETTER* WEAPON THAN A DARK *MIRROR-IMAGE* OF MY GREATEST FOE?

BEHOLD... ...MECHA-SONIC!*

*LAST SEEN IN SONIC #25--*Scott*

I LIVE TO SERVE-- I SERVE TO LIVE!

WHAT ARE YOUR ORDERS, LORD ROBOTNIK?

A NEW FACTION OF "FREEDOM FIGHTERS" HAS ARISEN...

...UNDOUBTEDLY *ORGANIZED* BY *KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA!*

GO NOW-- *FORTIFIED* BY YOUR RECENT *UPGRADES...*

FA-SHOOM!

"...AND DESTROY THEM!"

NUTS!

THOUGHT ALL THAT JAZZ MIGHT DISTRACT ROBOTNIK LONG ENOUGH FOR US TO REACH THE HALL OF MIRRORS...

...BUT INSTEAD HE'S CALLED IN THE CAVALRY!

OUTSTANDING!

"YOU'LL BELIEVE A HEDGEHOG CAN FLY!"

NOT FOR LONG, VECTOR...

...'CAUSE WE'RE GONNA TAKE THAT CLOCKWORK WIND-UP KNOCK-OFF DOWN AND OUT!

CHARGE!

ENEMY SIGHTED-- ATTACK FORTHCOMING!

TARGETING SYSTEMS ON-LINE!

HEY, BLUE-BOY...

--WHY DON'T YOU PICK ON SOMEONE YOUR OWN SIZE?

KLIK! Whrrr...

AS YOU WISH.

'COURSE, THAT COULD PROVE PROBLEMATIC...

WHOOSH!

KE-RAASH!

SEGA WANTS YOU!

...WHEN YOUR ENEMY...

...CAN HIDE IN PLAIN SIGHT!

POIT!

WEAPON'S LOCK HAS BEEN LOST.

SWITCHING TO INFRA-RED.

OH, YOU'LL BE SEEING "RED" ALL RIGHT...

...ONCE WE'RE FINISHED WITH --

UHNF!

HOSTILE IDENTIFIED AS KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA...

SNAG!

...RECENTLY DE-POWERED BY DOCTOR IVO ROBOTNIK.

IGNORE...

...IN FAVOR OF UNKNOWN ENTITY!

SWOOOOOSH!

BIG -- BIG MISTAKE!

THINK YOU'VE GOT ME BY THE END OF MY TETHER?

WELL...

PHOOMPH!

...THINK AGAIN!

GCHWIIING!

WARNING!

RELATIVE COORDINATES HAVE BEEN TRANSPOSED!

WHICH MEANS...

HEY, MECHA SONIC...

...HOW'D YOU LIKE A NICE TROPICAL PUNCH?

...YOU'RE THE ONE CRUISIN' FOR A BRUISIN'!

POW!

THROOM!

THROOM!

KLIK!
Whrrrr...

PING
PING
PING

KA-
BOOM!

GOOD RIDDANCE TO BAD RUBBISH!

OUCH!

ONLY TO MECHA SONIC!

ISN'T THAT PAINFUL?

BOMB HAS A KNACK FOR PULLING HIMSELF TOGETHER AFTER A CRISIS!

THEN HE WON'T BE "TOGETHER" ANYTIME SOON...

rrrrrrRRRUMMBI

...SINCE WE HAVE A GROWING PROBLEM ON OUR HANDS!

SOMETHING NEW HAS BEEN ADDED TO THE MECHANOID'S ENERGY MATRIX...

"GROWING" --AND GLOWING!

LOOK AT TH' SIZE OF HIM!

WE'RE IN DEEP DEEP TROUBLE!

...A POWER GEM!

JUST WHAT I NEED!

'CAUSE THE BIGGER THEY ARE...

...THE HARDER I HIT!

KRA-KOOM!

O' BITTER IRONY!

THE POWER GEM ENABLED THAT MEDDLESOME ECHIDNA TO ATTAIN AMAZING COLOSSAL SIZE!

IS THAT BAD?

"IS THAT BAD?"

GIVEN THE VOLATILE NATURE OF THE ENERGIES UNLEASHED...

...SHOULD THIS WAR OF THE GARGANTUAS SPILL OVER INTO MY HALL OF MIRRORS...

...THE RESULTS...

KER-RRAAAASH!

"...COULD PROVE SHATTERING!"

WE'RE FREE!

BREAKING THOSE *MIRRORS* MUST'VE SOMEHOW *REVERSED* THAT EARLIER *ENERGY EFFECT!*

I CAN FEEL THAT MY POWERS AND ABILITIES ARE *BACK!*

...AND I KNOW *JUST* WHAT TO *DO* WITH 'EM!

DANGER-- DANGER...

...THIS ...DOES ...NOT...

KRA-KOOM!

...COMPUTE...

TSK-TSK!

BROKEN MIRRORS JUST CAUSED 148,995 *YEARS* OF *BAD LUCK...*

FSSSSS

"...ALL FOR *ROBOTNIK!*"

GET *ROBOTNIK!*

GET THE *RODENT!*

SO MUCH FOR "*SATISFIED CUSTOMERS*"!

WHERE TO *NOW*, BOSS?

MOON ROCKET RIDE

BANG! ZOOM! TO THE MOON!

"*WE*" AREN'T GOING *ANYWHERE*, YOU *WRETCHED RODENT!*

BOOT!

AWWP!

THIS RIDE...

...IS A SINGLE-SEATER!

YEE-HAH!

SHOOO

KNUCKLES ART

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THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS
VS.
THE CHAOTIX TEAM

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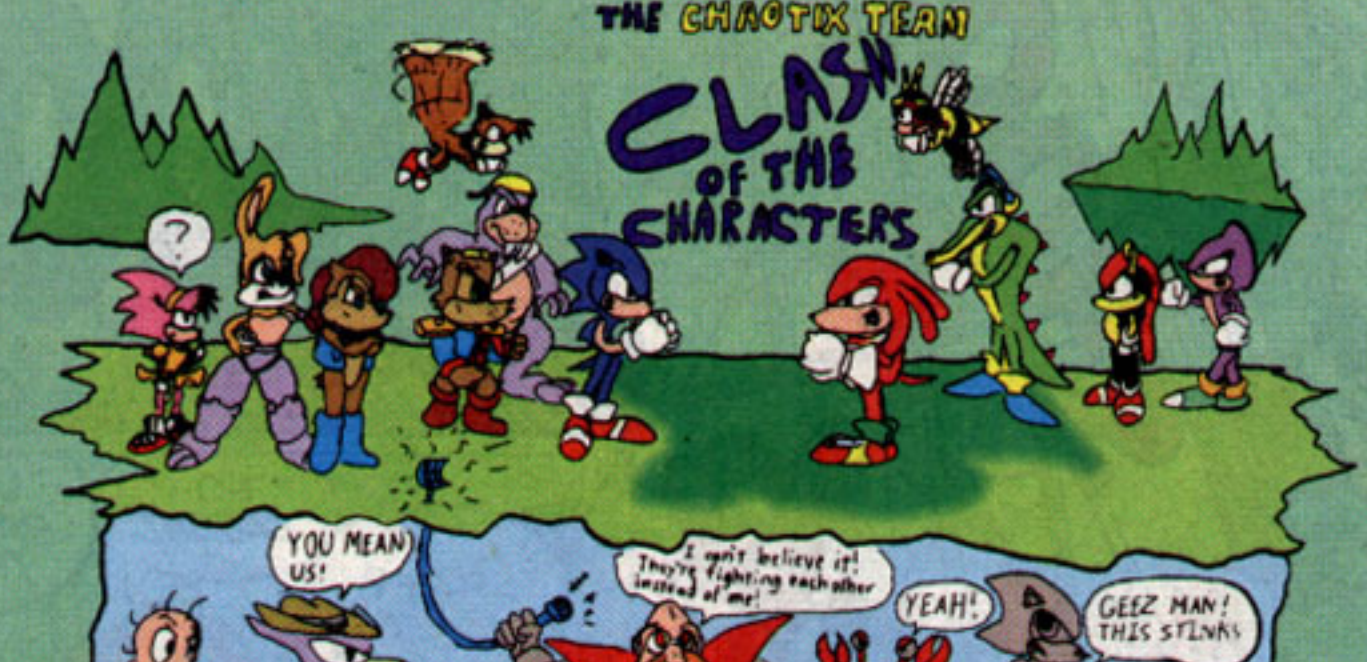

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LATER...

TAKE 'IM AWAY, BOYS!

WHAT A MESS!

WELL, AT LEAST SOMETHING GOOD CAME OUT OF IT, KNUCKLES!

YOU FOUND A FEW NEW FRIENDS...

...AND THE MAKINGS OF YOUR VERY OWN SUPER-TEAM!

US--A TEAM?

NO WAY-- I AIN'T JOININ' NO CIRCUS!

...OR A FREAK SHOW!

WHAT HE SAID!

LIFE IS CHAOTIC ENOUGH WITHOUT US CONSTANTLY BUMPING ELBOWS!

PIN PING PIN

SATISFIED, SMARTY?

I SUPPOSE.

STILL, I CAN'T SHAKE THE FEELING WE HAVEN'T SEEN THE LAST OF...

THE CHAOTIX

WANT TO SEE MORE OF KNUCKLES AND THE CHAOTIX? WRITE AND LET US KNOW!

The END

THE CHAOTIX

HEADS UP, MIGHTY!

TAG! YOU'RE "IT!"

BOINK!

WHA--?

WELL, HAVE YOU ANYTHING *BETTER* TO DO RIGHT *NOW*?

OH, NOT *ANOTHER* ONE OF YOUR *GAMES*, CHARMY!

COME TO *THINK* OF IT-- NOT REALLY!

READY OR NOT, GANG--*HERE* I COME!

I KNEW HE'D BE *EASY* TO GET *STARTED!*

NOW TO SEE IF THE *OTHERS* WANT TO *PLAY* AS WELL!

HEY, *VECTOR!* WATCH OUT FOR *MIGHTY!*

WHY? BAD HAIR DAY?

NO! HE'S *JUST* PLAYING *"TAG"!*

LOOK OUT!

WHAM!

AND *YOU'RE "IT"!*

SLAM!

MMUUUMMPPHHH!

WAITAMINUTE! NO FAIR! NO FAIR!

WHAT KIND OF WARNING WAS THAT?!!

SINCE *WHEN* DID THE RULES SAY YOU *NEED* TO WARN SOMEBODY?

SINCE *RIGHT NOW!*

NOW *HOLD* STILL, YOU--

AHH-AHH! STICKS AND STONES, VECTOR! STICKS AND STONES!

EASY FOR YOU TO SAY, DUDE!

SO IF THE FIRST TARGET ISN'T EASY, THERE'S ALWAYS ANOTHER PIGEON!

RIGHT, MIGHTY?

NOT IF YOU CAN'T GET TO ME, VECTOR!

OH YEAH? YOU'RE TALKIN' TO THE MASTER OF SMOOTH MOVES!

SNAP!

YOUR MOVES MAY BE SMOOTH AND SLICK--

--BUT I'LL MATCH MY STRENGTH AGAINST THEM EVERY TIME!

KER-RAACK!

TIM-BEEERRRR!

THAT CRAZY ARMADILLO!

THIS COOL CROC KNOWS WHEN TO HIP-HOP!

KRASH!

OW!

GET OFF OF ME, YOU BIG OAF!

SOMETHING ISN'T COOL HERE!

WHUMP!

I'M HEARING VOICES!

SHADES OF POLTERGEIST CITY!

VECTOR, YOU NUMB-SKULL!

IT'S ME-- ESPIO!

WELL, WHAT ARE YOU DOING HIDING THERE?

I WAS SLEEPING--

--UNTIL I WAS SO RUDELY AWAKENED!

EX-CUUUUUSE ME! HOW WAS I SUPPOSED TO KNOW?

OH, BY THE WAY--

--"TAG"! YOU'RE IT!

HUH? AWWW, NO!

THAT'S WHAT I GET FOR NOT PAYING ATTENTION!

COME BACK HERE, VECTOR!

TRRRSCH!

DON'T BE SUCH A--

--JERK?! HELLO! WHO ARE YOU?

YOU MUST BE NEW AROUND HERE! I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU BEFORE!

YA GOT THAT RIGHT, MATE!

AND IF I HADN'T BEEN CONCENTRATING ON SOMETHIN' ELSE, YA STILL WOULDN'T EITHER!

G'DAY!

POP!

WELL, I'LL BE--

--A MONKEY'S UNCLE?

WHAT HAPPENED? WE THOUGHT YOU HURT YOURSELF JUMPING INTO THESE BUSHES!

I'M NOT SURE! HOWEVER--

YEAH?

"TAG"! YOU'RE IT!

WHO WAS THAT STRANGER? READ SONIC'S COMIC TO FIND OUT!

--AND THE GAME GOES ON!

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THE HUNT IS ON!

KNUCKLES!! LONG TIME NO SEE, MY MAN!

WHY'RE YOU SO CRANKED?!!

THERE'S NO TIME TO EXPLAIN!!!

GET DOWN!! GET DOWN NOW!!

I'VE GOT A BAAAD FEELING, CHARMY!!

WHEEEEEEEEEE

YOU HAVE TO ADMIT, THINGS HAVE REALLY GOTTEN CRAZY AROUND HERE LATELY, MIGHTY!

KA-THOOOM! KA-THOOOM!

WHUMP! BA-DUMP!

EVERYBODY ALL RIGHT?!! SING OUT, YOU HEROES!!

WHAT'S GOING ON HERE, KNUCKLES?

ALL OF A *SUDDEN*, WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF A *WAR ZONE!*

WE'RE UNDER *ATTACK!* HOWEVER--

IS IT THAT JERK *ROBOTNIK?* THAT GUY *NEVER* GIVES UP!

THAT'S WHAT I'M *NOT* SURE OF!

THERE'S A *NEW* PLAYER IN TOWN-- CALLS HIMSELF *ARCHIMEDES!*

AND?

IT'S NOT *CLEAR* IF HE'S A FRIEND OR FOE! SO FAR--

VECTOR!!

VECTOR!

HOW BAD ARE YOU HURT?

ONLY MY PRIDE, KNUCKLES!

THAT LAST STEP WAS A KILLER!

HANG ON! WE'LL HAVE YOU OUT IN NO TIME, VECTOR!

SOUNDS O.K.! I CAN CHILL FOR AWHILE!

WHAT WE NEED IS A ROPE OR A STRONG VINE TO HAUL HIM OUT!

WAITAMINUTE!

YOU GUYS HEAR SOMETHING?

BOK!

SOME SORT OF WHISTLING SOUND?

YEAH! THAT'S IT!

YOU MEAN--

-- THOSE WHACHAMACALLEMS?!!

NICELY PUT, MIGHTY!

ANYBODY EVER TELL YOU WHAT A COMMAND OF THE LANGUAGE YOU HAVE?

THEY'RE GAINING ON US!!

ON MY MARK, EVERYONE--

DUCK!!

KA-THOOM!

KA-THOOOOM!

KA-THOOOOM

CHARMY!

WHERE ARE YOU, LITTLE FELLER?

UHHH...

THAT'S *HIM!*

MAYBE! MAYBE *NOT!*

HUH? *WHAT* DO YOU MEAN? HE'S RIGHT HERE! *SEE?*

YEAH! BUT I HAVEN'T SEEN *ESPIO* THE LAST FEW MINUTES *EITHER!*

ESPIO?!! WHERE? I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM AT ALL!

JUST BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T *SEE* HIM DIDN'T MEAN HE *WASN'T* NEARBY!

NO USE REMAINING IN *STEALTH MODE* NOW!

HOW LONG HAVE YOU KNOWN I WAS HERE, KNUCKLES?

EARLIER, I WAS RUNNING TO WARN THE OTHERS OF THE ONCOMING BARRAGE AND I *SAW* YOU FOLLOWING!

*WHAT?! HOW?!** YOU MUST BE EATING A LOT OF *CARROTS* THESE DAYS!

I *DON'T* EAT-- CARROTS!

HOW'S *CHARMY*, MIGHTY?

**HOW INDEED?! FOR THE ANSWER, KEEP READING KNUCKLES SOLO ADVENTURES!* -Scott

HE'LL PULL THROUGH!
HE *JUST* NEEDS SOME *REST!*
ANYBODY ELSE SEE THAT BRICK WALL?
WELL--
MUCH AS I *HATE* TO, WE'LL JUST *LEAVE* HIM TO SLEEP IT OFF!
WE'VE GOT *BIGGER* PROBLEMS ON OUR HANDS RIGHT NOW!
I *DON'T* UNDERSTAND, KNUCKLES! WHAT *EXACTLY* IS GOING ON HERE?
WE'RE UNDER *ATTACK*--BY SOME UNSEEN *ENEMY*, PLAIN AND SIMPLE!
MY GUT INSTINCT SAYS IT'S THIS ROBOTNIK JERK WHO'S BEEN *TRYING* SEVERAL TIMES TO NAB THE *CHAOS EMERALD!*
BUT *LATELY*, THINGS HAVEN'T BEEN QUITE WHAT THEY *SEEM!*
THERE'S SOMEONE *ELSE* ON THE FLOATING ISLAND, AND I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO FIGURE OUT WHAT HIS *ANGLE* IS!
CLICK-WHARR-GRIND--
AND-YOU-MAY-NOT-GET-THE-CHANCE-TO-EITHER!
MIGHTY!

FINALLY! AFTER ALL THIS TIME!

A CHALLENGE *WORTHY* OF MY *MATCHLESS* STRENGTH!

YOU-ARE-EITHER-VERY-CONFIDENT OR-VERY-FOOLISH!

WE-SHALL-FIND-OUT-WHICH!

KA-B

KNUCKLES! SHALL WE--?

NO! LET 'EM *DUKE* IT OUT!

KER-POW!

WHAM!

AS LONG AS WE STAY *STILL* WE'RE *SITTING DUCKS* FOR WHOEVER'S TARGETING *US*!

HOWEVER, IF WE KEEP *GOING*--

I'LL SAY THIS FOR YOU--

YOU'RE ONE TOUGH SONOFAGUN!

UNGH...

YOU-ARE-NOT-SO-EASY-ON-THE-SERVO-MOTORS-EITHER-Click-Whrrrr--

--WE AT LEAST HAVE A FIGHTING CHANCE TO DISCOVER *WHAT'S* GOING ON!

SOMEHOW I JUST KNOW--

--THAT THIS *ARCHIMEDES*-- WHOEVER, *WHATEVER* THIS CHARACTER IS--

--IS HIP *DEEP* IN THIS *MESS!*

MMMM MMMMM MMMMPH*-!

QUIET, ESPIO!

I THINK *OUR* TARGET ISN'T FAR!

ESPIO? *ESPIO?!!!*

THIS IS JUST *GREAT!*

WHAT AM I GONNA DO *NOW?*

AH, *KNUCKLES!* YOU STILL *DIDN'T* THINK!

WHA--?

YOU *COULD'VE* GOTTEN THROUGH THIS A WHOLE LOT *EASIER* IF YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS STUCK *TOGETHER!*

BUT YOU THOUGHT THE *OBJECTIVE* WAS MORE *IMPORTANT!*

I *KNOW* WHAT'S GOING ON!

THE QUESTION BEFORE YOU IS--

WHICH IS *MORE* IMPORTANT? YOUR *FRIENDS?* OR THE *THREAT* TO THE *FLOATING ISLAND?*

FACED WITH A CHOICE OF SACRIFICING HIS FRIENDS OR HIS HOMEWORLD, KNUCKLES PONDERS OVER HIS AGONIZING DECISION! THE ANSWER TO THAT AND MANY OTHER QUESTIONS AWAIT YOU IN THE PAGES OF SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #31, ON SALE DECEMBER 1995! DON'T MISS IT!